Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

December, 2012 Montana

Caseload

- •4,663 children were served this month in this program
- •2,978 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •5.0% of the families entered the program during this period
- ·Yellowstone County accounted for 25.7% of all families served

Children

- •92.4% of children were served in licensed care
- •5.8% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 110 hours per month
- ·School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 26.9% of all children served
- ·White children accounted for 81.1% of all children served

Families

- •73.1% of families received subsidies because of employment
- •100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.9% of income
- •The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- •88.6% of families were headed by a single parent
- •13.3% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- •The average cost of care this month per child was \$393 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- •Parents paid 8.7% of the cost and the program paid 91.3%
- ·Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$439
- ·Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$303
- •79.2% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- •The highest average cost of care was in Judith Basin County at \$545 per child
- Judith Basin County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- •The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Musselshell County, where 50.0% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF